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STATEMENT

from the Premier

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ELECTION POLICY STATEMENT - SPORT AND RECREATION.

A feasibility study is to begin this financial year into the location and planning of a multi-million dollar indoor stadium for sports and entertainment and a heated indoor swimming pool of international standard, both in the Adelaide metropolitan area.

This was disclosed by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, today in a policy statement on sport and recreation.

"It is quite clear that there is a need for a venue where both indoor top-class sport and entertainment can be staged, with sufficient audience capacity to warrant their promotion", the Premier said.

"The study will determine the kind of facilities required, an appropriate site or sites (the stadium and pool could possibly be in the same area), the kinds of sport to be catered for, and the likely cost.

The Premier said that, briefly, the Government's policy was to increase and improve sporting and recreational facilities to the limit of the funds available, and to develop and foster a wide range of recreational and sports programmes throughout the community.

In its comparatively short existence the Division of Recreation and Sport had achieved some notable successes.

For 1974-75 the State Government allocated \$800,000 towards capital expenditure on sport and recreation.

While some of the projects in which the Division is involved are large and costly in terms of money, the Government is equally concerned to see that the needs of worthy but smaller organisations are met.

An indication of this is that approved assistance in 1974-75 for projects not exceeding \$25,000 totalled \$260,000 for 67 projects.

SOME MAJOR PROJECTS :

There are some twelve approved major projects in either the planning or construction stage towards which the State Government will pay approximately one third of the total cost of \$5.4 million.

Among them are :

- * Whyalla Community Recreation Centre, \$1.4M. Work is ahead of schedule and is expected to open in December. This will probably be the biggest of its kind in South Australia.
- * Elizabeth Recreation Centre, \$850,000. Working drawings are being prepared and work is expected to begin in August or September.
- * Marion Swimming Centre, \$600,000. This will be in use for the coming summer.
- * Renmark Swimming Complex, \$300,000. Also to be ready for the summer swimming season.
- * Tartan Track at Olympic Sports Field, Kensington, \$250,000. Completed and in use.
- * Loxton Recreation Centre, \$240,000. Work well advanced. Will be opened in September or October.
- * Modbury Recreation Centre, \$225,000. Working drawings are being prepared.

SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES :

Other achievements to June 30 include :

- * The opening up of Murray Park College of Advanced Education for community recreation use. About 1,000 people use these facilities each week. Similar developments are envisaged in other Colleges of Advanced Education.
- * The appointment of a community recreation officer at Millicent to establish and foster community recreation programmes in the South East. The appointment of recreation officers has also resulted in the development of community recreation programmes in metropolitan and other country areas.

- * The establishment of an Associate Diploma in Recreation course at Salisbury College of Advanced Education.
- * Establishment of a Recreation Advisory Council and Sports Advisory Council with wide community representation.

OTHER PROPOSALS FOR 1975-76 :

Besides the investigation into the indoor stadium and swimming pool project, and the continuation of work already approved or begun, there are several other proposals for 1975-76.

Included amongst these is a programme to assist Sports Coaching: The basic aim is to provide financial assistance for the coaching of juniors, for the training of junior coaches, in as many sports as possible. Estimated to cost up to \$70,000 this financial year.

In addition, the Division of Sports and Recreation will be looking at the possibility of providing training for people in the administration of small sporting clubs and recreational bodies, including bookkeeping, clerical systems, etc.
